

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. And to pre-empt other broadcasts to do so is an even more blatant political abuse of public airwaves which Sinclair is obligated by law to use to serve the public interest.

As an American I am truly frightened at this abuse of public trust by the media. The reckless disregard by Sinclair for its mandate to serve the public interest in this politically driven partisan hate mongering is an appalling violation of any ethical standard and the FCC has an obligation to citizens to step in and stop it. The Supreme court was unable to protect citizens from the political machinery that trampled on the voices of so many American citizens in November of 2000. The FCC must not join the ranks of those political puppets who would further erode our confidence in our public servants.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.  
Thank you.